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SUBJ: W/W REPPAS

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FOR: SCS

1. DUE ABSENCE CONSOFF ON R&R LEAVE, EMB ADMINOFF VISITED REPPAS FEB 7 AT TRIBUNAL BUILDING WHERE LATTER CONTINUES WORK ON AGM FEASIBILITY STUDY. REPPAS, WORKING IN TIE AND DRESS SHIRT IN PRIVATE OFFICE, APPEARED TO BE BUSIEST PERSON IN BUILDING.

2. RE REFTEL A, REPPAS CONFIRMED RAVONY IS STILL REPRESENTING HIM BUT REMAINS IN BACKGROUND WORKING WITH LEBEL ON APPEAL HEARING. REPPAS WAS OPENLY CRITICAL OF RAVONY'S EFFORTS DURING TRIAL, ACCUSING HIM OF BEING "OPPORTUNIST" AND INDICATING THAT HE HAD DONE NOTHING MORE DURING TRIAL THAN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT PRESENT GOMR AS BEING "ANTI-INVESTMENT ORIENTED". CONVERSELY, REPPAS WENT ON TO SAY HIS APPEAL HEARING IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR MAR 8 WITH STRATEGY BEING TO COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATE HIS ACTIONS FROM "THE GREEKS" (MEANING BACOPOULOS AND OTHERS). IN LINE WITH THIS STRATEGY, REPPAS INDICATED HE HAD RECENTLY REFUSED TO SIGN AN ULTIMATUM PREPARED BY BACOPOULOS WHICH WOULD STATE THAT TWO OF THEM REFUSE TO "NEGOTIATE WITH HANDCUFFS".

3. REPPAS INFORMED OF "INTERESTED PARTY" REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE TELS TO JEFFRIES (REFTEL B).

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